

As a truck driver, I need the information that XM broadcasts on their weather and traffic channels. I can safely say that I use it 5 days a week. Most of the time I can not wait for some radio station to babble thru its version of the local traffic, which is abbreviated because they use "local lingo" for that City. For instance, I live in Missouri, and my local radio station would say "the interbelt has congestion at this spot." If I was from out of state I would have no idea that the Interbelt refers to I-170. I cant wait for some radio station to get done playing the "5 o'clock cruise home show," to listen to where the traffic problems are at. Furthermore, local radio stations dont play "traffic reports" all day long. Morning rush hour, and evening rush hour. Which if I am traveling thru at noon, helps me out none. All the above mentioned problems also can be used for weather purposes. Also, I personally believe that if some truck driver gets killed by a tornado or high winds, that NAB, if they succeed at this, should be personally held responsible for that death. It could have been prevented by allowing this simple information to go out over the proper, and already existing channels. If NAB succeeds in this, its a infringement on my constitutional rights, and also a very monopolistic practice.